

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

Lemuel Grim and wife, of this city, moved over to Columbia last week.

W. W. Fry made a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, last week on legal business.

Mrs. A. G. Azell is visiting her daughter in Laddonia, Mrs. J. D. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dry of this city are the happy parents of a new son, born Dec. 12.

Cassius M. Clay has bought the Mexico Ice Plant for \$60,000. He gets possession at once.

Miss Addie Hale of near Laddonia visited the family of Mr. Ed. Pearl in this city last week.

Mrs. Cecil C. Cohoon of Cordell, Okla., is the guest of her parents in this city, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boatman.

Ernest Koch, near Laddonia, is operating a corn-shucking machine. It's a curio, but they say it sure does the work.

Rev. H. B. Rice sold 2 1/2 acres of ground in Laddonia the other day for \$250. That's a pretty good price, as the Herald comments.

Hardy Doolin and G. R. McCall of Rush Hill are in the coal business and have been selling the article at 12 1/2 cents a bushel.

Cards have been issued to the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Martin, to be celebrated next Saturday night.

Rev. J. N. Barbee of Louisiana preached at Hopewell Baptist church in this county last Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Johnston of near Santa Fe has been visiting her aunt in this city, Mrs. Bertie Carter.

Arthur Irick recently bought the Isaac P. Taylor farm of 123 acres, 3 1/2 miles south of Mexico, paying \$50 per acre. It's a good farm, nicely improved, and Mr. Irick got it cheap.

A little son of Charles Moser of Martinsburg neighborhood was playing with a little boy chum the other day, cutting in the ground with a hatchet, and the Moser boy lost his thumb at the first joint.

Mr. Roy Staples and Miss Alice Foster, one of Union district and the other North Liberty, this county, slipped away over to Quincy, Ill., last week and were married. Here's wishing them joy and prosperity thru life.

Jesse Goodson of Benton city is attending Western Veterinary College at Kansas City. He thinks a course in such a school will be "worth millions" to a young man even as a farmer, and we think we see where he is right.

Rev. M. S. Whitesides after a business visit of a couple of weeks in this city has returned to his home, 1108 Linton Ave., St. Louis. Mr. Whitesides is well remembered by the old settlers of Audrain county, 25 and 30 years ago.

A thief broke thru a window into Brand & Ward's store in this city last Thursday night and carried the cash register outside to the alley and smashed it and carried off the cash it contained but that happened to be but a few dollars. Nothing else in the store disturbed.

GETS \$5,000.

A Mexico Woman's Suit Against the C. & A.

The Louisiana Press-Journal last week published the following item:

The case of T. L. Crowder, of Carlinville, administrator, etc., vs. the C. and A. railroad in behalf of the estate of Fred Genrich, of Mexico, Mo., who was killed by the road at Nebo last December while filling the position of head brakeman came up at Pittsfield this week. The contention of the complainant's attorneys was in part that a defective platform where the accident occurred at Nebo was the cause of it, and to refute this the attorneys for the road Monday went down to Nebo and had that section of the platform on which the man, who was supposed to have slipped as he alighted from the train and lost his life, sawed out and brought to town, but on account of the ruling of the court they were unable to get before the jury. The case was closed Tuesday afternoon and the right to argue the case was waived by all except Crowder at the close of whose address it went to the jury which, after being out all night, rendered a verdict Wednesday morning for \$5000 against the road after which the jury was discharged for the term.

In Memory of Thomas Arnall.

At 8:30 p. m., Nov. 21, 1907, the pearly gates opened and the spirit of William Thomas Arnall was admitted to its reward. He had journeyed on this earthly pilgrimage 40 years, 4 months and 16 days. Tommy leaves a sister and two brothers, besides hosts of friends, to mourn his death. He was converted and joined the Baptist church in August, 1901; ever afterwards was loyal to his Master and the church. He was an efficient church and Sunday School worker, and served as deacon six years.

We mourn not as those having no hope, for he died in the faith, trusting Him who bare our sins for us. He will not return, he will not come again, with his old time gladness, but under the blue sky and storms he sleeps. How the loved ones will miss him. O, the loneliness of the first few months after death. But the lonely watchers will find peace and rest in the hope of immortality. We know that each day grows fleet, and that the time is short between the good by and greeting.

Funeral services were conducted at the home, by Rev. Dampton, Nov. 22, and the remains were laid to rest in the Sturgeon cemetery, at Monticou, Oklahoma, to await the morning of the resurrection.

A NECK.

For Charity.

Mr. Waterman notified the Mayor last week that he would give two entertainments, at the Opera House, Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, and Friday evening, Dec. 20th, all the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the worthy poor of Mexico.

These entertainments are fine. There is nothing more enjoyable than these moving picture entertainments. There will be a change of films and music each night and the house should be packed as the charity committee will have full charge and all that comes in will be used for this worthy purpose. Price of tickets only 10 cents each. You will see something worth double the price and at the same time help the poor and unfortunate.

Herman Yelton of Martinsburg is taking a course of study in the Mexico Business College.

LOCAL OPTION PLANS

We, the undersigned citizens of Audrain county, State of Missouri, feeling that the open saloon is a menace to society and a reflection upon the good name of our county; And, furthermore, seeing that our sister counties on every hand are voting for local option, we are fully persuaded that Audrain, too, will carry.

Therefore, be it resolved that on

Saturday, December 21, 1907

township mass meetings of Audrain county citizens be held at the following places at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of thoroughly organizing the local option campaign, and the hearing of speeches on said subject:

Selling Township meets at	Centralia [Boone Co.]
Wilson	Thompson
Salt River	Mexico
Linn	Rush Hill
Loutre	Martinsburg
Prairie	Laddonia
Quivre	Vandalia

Be it further resolved, that each of these township conventions shall upon that day (Dec. 21) elect several delegates to attend a county convention to be held in the Court House in Mexico, Mo., at 2 p. m. on the following Monday—Dec. 23. [Signed]

J. J. ALEXANDER	J. C. DELAPORTE	W. C. RUSSELL
J. E. BURCH	W. H. SLAVENS	H. B. RICE
R. B. SWIFT	O. L. BYRNS	A. L. BRUTON
J. L. WILKINS	A. B. MATTHEWS	C. E. MAYHALL
J. D. GREER	J. M. SHIPLE	J. E. ELDER

RAILROAD PROBLEMS.

Mexico Will Not Get Car Shops of the Electric R. R.

The Paris Appeal last week contained the following railroad news: The railroad meeting at the court house last Friday night was fairly well attended. Mr. Carpenter, the promoter, and Messrs. Witte and Parker, of Edina, made short talks. They want the people of Monroe county to subscribe for stock to the amount of \$2,500 a mile, leaving their subscription at the Paris National Bank, payable only when the road is in actual operation from Memphis to Mexico. This means that the subscriber has everything to gain if the road is built and nothing to lose if it is not.

A committee composed of Jack Blanton, E. M. Alexander, W. H. Alexander, J. R. Davis and J. H. Hill was appointed to wait upon the citizens and secure their subscriptions. They are arranging for a meeting at the court house this (Friday) evening. Every property owner should attend. The promoters assert that a company is ready to enter into a bond for any amount for the financing and construction of the road just as soon as the citizens along the line show their interest in the enterprise by subscribing for \$2,500 worth of stock to the mile. They also take care of the right-of-way. It is a fair, square, liberal proposition. We cannot afford to turn it down.

Santa Fe citizens subscribed \$4,000 and pledged five acres of land as a bonus for the car sheds and shops of the new railroad. Half the money is to be paid down and the balance when the road is completed. The cars, it is reported, will be operated by motor instead of electricity. The contractor has moved his grading outfit back to the Mexico vicinity.

Knights of Columbus.

Mexico Council Knights of Columbus held election of officers last week. The following were elected for the ensuing year:

G. K., D. A. Murphy
D. G. K., M. H. Murphy
F. S., Joseph H. Smith
Chas., Ed. Dermody
Treas., Wm. P. Smith
Warden, Chas. Haydar
I. S. D., John Haydar
O. S. G., James W. O'Brien
Chaplain, Rev. John J. Dillon

Rev. J. W. Keltner of this city, assisted by Evangelist Hunt, is conducting a very successful revival meeting at the Martinsburg Baptist church.

YOUNG FARMERS.

Those of Audrain Interested—Read Article Below.

Having been raised on a farm without the opportunities of a training given by the Agricultural College, and in later life coming in close contact with the work being done by the Agricultural College and Experiment Station, I believe I am in a position to know something of the value of such a training. There is something more about ploughing than running a straight furrow; something more to learn in feeding hogs and cattle than satisfying hunger; more to learn of the improvement of the soil than simply the spreading of manure; more to know of crop growing than the simple act of putting the seed into ground.

The Missouri Agricultural College will on January 2, 1908, open a school lasting eight weeks for the benefit of young farmers. I want to urge you to attend this school offered you by the great State of Missouri. You will here come in contact with several hundred of the brightest farmer boys of this state which alone will inspire you to accomplish greater things, and you will have the benefit of the instruction of the agricultural faculty composed of men who have not only had a good practical training on the farm, but have also spent many years in the Agricultural College and Experiment Station finding out those things that will make farm work more profitable and farm life more pleasant. We want you to come because we believe you will be a benefit to the College, and because we believe we can benefit you. I assure you that you will be greeted by the officers and every member of the faculty and the student body with a most hearty welcome.

If you need further information write Dean H. J. Waters or you may address me, and the information will be cheerfully given.

Hoping to see you here on the first day of the school, January 2nd, and guaranteeing to you entire satisfaction with the course if you come, I remain,

Geo. B. Ellis,
Sec., State Board of Ag.

Tapley a Candidate.

Bowling Green, Mo., Dec. 13.—Joseph Tapley, of this city, is a candidate for State Senator from the Eleventh District, embracing the counties of Pike, Audrain and Lincoln.

YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

'Nother Fine List of Message Subscribers and Renewals.

Since our last report the following have subscribed or renewed for the MESSAGE:

John B. Nevins
W. H. Logan
C. C. Bybee
M. J. Jones
W. H. Miller
S. R. Brown
Henry Schrumpt
Wm. Britt
C. L. Emmons
J. W. Broadbush
W. M. Mongler
C. H. Shoup
W. M. Hesterburg
J. J. Moomaw
J. E. Hodge
J. R. Hodge
Mrs. C. M. Skelly
George Duncan
J. R. Pittman
T. J. Roberts
Rev. J. S. Jesse
Mrs. Mary Rigg
R. N. Armstrong
L. C. Barnes
Willis Eastham
D. T. Weakly
E. Nichols
W. F. Kindig
F. F. Witche
Oscar Martin
Lewis Patterson
O. S. Ockerman
Jacob Seiger
W. C. Duty
E. C. Deskin
H. Doolin
E. C. Kennen
J. D. Kendall
Henry Youngblood
Rollen Edwards
A. D. Erisman
Dr. Jesse Goodson
Arthur Irick
S. Valentine
G. N. Wales
Ernest Johnston.

Circuit Court Cases.

The following cases were recently filed and will come up at the January term of the Circuit Court: Leander C. Barnes vs. Thos. Fisher etc., perfect title.

J. R. Thomas vs. Lucy B. Lewis, et al, ejectment.

State of Mo. vs. Peter I. Pierce, appeal J. P.

James W. Lee, et al, vs. unknown heirs, Johnson, etc., perfect title.

James W. Lee vs. unknown heirs J. W. Carson, etc., perfect title.

F. E. Scroggin vs. Thomas W. Quick et al, for money.

Thomas J. Roberts vs. unknown heirs Julia Clark, etc., perfect title.

G. W. Robertson vs. R. D. Barnes, on note.

Nellie M. Collins vs. Emery A. Collins, divorce.

Quincy James vs. the Ins. Co. of State of Illinois, on policy.

Sarah C. Erharts vs. the Wash R. R. Co., damages.

Ida P. Norman vs. Otto S. Norman, divorce, change of venue.

One Was a Mexico Preacher.

The Middletown Chips contained the following item last week:

A couple of preachers were surprised in Middletown last Saturday. The south Methodist people donated a large amount of provisions (enough to last him till spring the preacher said) to pastor Triplet, and then presented Presiding Elder A. C. Browing with an elegant china berry set. Will Graham raised the first donation, and the ladies the other. The preachers were not only surprised, but agreeably so.

Miss Annie Lewis is visiting in Independence, Mo.

AUDRAIN BOYS.

Gather 'Round Festival Board in Pennsylvania.

The following taken from the Pittsburg (Pa.) Democrat will interest readers of the MESSAGE at Mexico and Laddonia where some of the persons mentioned are well known:

The Pittsburg Alumni association of the University of Missouri held their annual banquet at the Fort Pitt hotel, Thanksgiving day. The evening was very pleasantly spent by discussing experiences of times past and present. Incidentally the society was delightfully entertained with a recitation by little Miss Dorothy Underhill entitled "The Little Sunbeam."

Addresses were delivered by E. J. Mason, C. A. Swift, D. Underhill and C. A. Briggs. The speeches covered a large variety of subjects from modern engineering to a bachelor's first experience at frying breakfast bacon.

This meeting was also an occasion for the election of officers for the ensuing year. All the old officers were elected as follows: E. J. Mason, president, R. M. Bickley, vice president, E. C. Gaines, secretary and treasurer.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Dillen Underhill, Miss Dorothy Davenport Underhill, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swift, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bickley, Miss Carrie Emmons Cauthorn, C. L. Neidringhaus, A. H. Hardy, E. J. Mason, Given Victor, C. H. Williams, G. C. Whaley, C. W. Seibel, C. A. Briggs and E. C. Gaines.

In Memory of Mrs. Robert Hayes.

To look rightly upon life, to live for God, home and duty and in the end to rest calmly in the great world beyond is the only hope of a soul who seeks higher and holier things.

When life seemed brightest, and hopes fairest, Mary Quinlan Hayes was called to her eternal reward, on Dec. 6, after an illness of a few days. As the fairest, tenderest and sweetest flower is the first to shrink at the touch of icy fingers, so it often seems that the cold hand of death first lays low the noblest, the truest and the best. The key-note of Mary's life was duty. It stamped its impress upon all who came within her sphere, and self sacrifice for others has wreathed a halo 'round her head, that shall brighten the sweet memories of her as the years roll on.

Father Dillon's eulogy over the remains was truly a heart tribute. He spoke of her beautiful catholic life, her charity, humility and her intensely religious nature. He told us that she was the best of us, and from the heart of each who loved her in life and mourns her in death there responded in sweet accord a fervent amen. She was always kind, gentle retiring, timid and followed to the letter the golden rule in a most unostentatious way.

When our dear friend laid life's burden down, and her sheaves were garnered in the Angel Death as he laid them at the foot of the great white throne, must have smiled on the rich, ripe harvest of her life-work, well done.

J. S.

We're Getting There.

The Vandalia Leader last week had the following kindly mention: The Mexico MESSAGE had a fine edition last week. The MESSAGE is well edited and full of news and is rapidly coming to the front as an advertising medium.

Mrs. G. W. Covey of Laddonia visited Mexico friends last week.

Mexico Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fry, Pres.
Sam Locke, Cashier.